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SUBJECT: RESETTLEMENT OF VIETNAMESE REFUGEES

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1. ALTHOUGH TOTAL NUMBER OF VIETNAMESE REFUGEES SO FAR BROUGHT TO AUSTRALIA BY ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE TO DATE IS ONLY ABOUT 80, IT IS PROBABLE THAT NUMBERS OF VIETNAMESE REFUGEES HAVE LEFT OR WILL LEAVE SAIGON BY COMMERCIAL OR U.S. FLIGHTS, WITH ULTIMATE INTENTION OF COMING TO AUSTRALIA.

2. CATEGORIES OF VIETNAMESE REFUGEES ANNOUNCED AS ACCEPTABLE IN AUSTRALIA BY PRIME MINISTER WHITLAM APR 22 (REF B) ARE RATHER NARROW. HOWEVER, WE HAVE BEEN TOLD BY NUMEROUS AUSTRALIANS THAT THEY BELIEVE CATEGORIES CAN BE WIDENED. ACCORDINGLY, IF DEPT CAN PROVIDE US WITH LISTS OF VIETNAMESE REFUGEES IN U.S. REFUGEE CENTERS WHO HAVE RELATIVES OR CLOSE CONNECTIONS IN AUSTRALIA WHO WISH TO COME TO THIS, WE WILL PASS THEM ON TO DEPT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TO
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INTERESTED AUSTRALIAN INDIVIDUALS AND GROUPS, WHO CAN

TAKE THINGS FROM THERE.
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